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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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MANILA FOR USADB

1. TIME PERMITTING, SOME MEMBERS USDEL ADB ANNUAL MEETING, PROBABLY INCLUDING CONGRESSMEN, MAY WISH VISIT ADB AND/OR IBRD FINANCED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS VICINITY KUALA LUMPUR. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ON SITE PROJECT VISIT PROGRAM. ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS SHOULD COVER HALF DAY OR FULL DAY TRIP. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH VISITS.

2. MEMBERS USDEL ALSO CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY VISIT PENANG AREA VIA BUTTERWORTH AFB. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INDICATION REGARDING PROJECTS TO VISIT AND LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED FOR THIS ALTERNATIVE ALSO. PLEASE SLUG REPLIES FOR FINKEL, TREASURY.

3. SUGGESTIONS MADE BY USADB ARE REPEATED HERewith AS INFORMATION QUOTE:

1. POSSIBILITIES FOR VISITS TO ADB PROJECTS IN MALAYSIA AT
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TIME OF SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING QUITE LIMITED. WOULD SUGGEST

CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PLAN TRIP FROM KL TO BUTTERWORTH AFB IN PENANG STATE. WOULD THEN ARRANGE VISIT TO PENANG WATER SUPPLY PROJECT AND PERHAPS SITE OF PROPOSED LOAN FOR PENANG PORT, BOTH OF WHICH ARE ON MAINLAND. GROUP COULD THEN TAKE FERRY TO PENANG ISLAND AND VISIT PENANG AIRPORT FOR WHICH BANK IS FINANCING EXPANSION. (PENANG AIRPORT PRESENTLY CANNOT SERVICE DC-8 OR BOEING 707 TYPE PLANES.) WHILE EXECUTION OF PROJECT HAS NOT BEGUN, BELIEVE U.S. CONSULTANT (NORTHROP) COULD COME FROM KL AND EXPLAIN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLAN. MIGHT ALSO BE TIME FOR SOME SIGHTSEEING. GROUP WOULD RETURN TO BUTTERWORTH FOR RETURN FLIGHT. (HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED CHECK LOGISTICS OF ABOVE TRIP WITH EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR.)

2. NOTHING WORTHWHILE TO VISIT AT THIS TIME IN KL AREA. CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT BEGUN ON KL-KARAK HIGHWAY PROJECT.

3. OTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT TWO HOUR FLIGHT TO KUCHING, SARAWAK, VISIT RELATIVELY SMALL POWER PROJECT. PROBABLY NOT GOOD IDEA TO VISIT KUCHING PORT EXPANSION PROJECT WHICH HAS HAD DEFLECTION PROBLEM OF MAIN QUARY. UNQUOTE RUSH

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